

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

NGRES- AP-Social Audit in implementation of NGRES - Financial Guidelines
– Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RD-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 153

Dated:12.05.2009

Read the Following:

- 1) National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005
- 2) G.O.Ms.No.27, PR &RD (RD.II) Dept., Dated 28.01.2006
- 3) G.O Ms. No.431, PR & RD (RD. II) Dept., Dated 20.09.2007
- 4) G.O Ms. No.317, PR & RD (R.D.II) Dept., Dated 22.08.2008

ORDER:

Section 17 of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act mandates conduct of 'Social Audit' on all stages of implementation of the scheme for ensuring public accountability in the implementation of the scheme. Accordingly, social audits are being conducted on a continuous basis in all 22 districts of the State of Andhra Pradesh.

2. Government has reviewed the impact of Social Audits and observed that Social Audits are found to be a powerful tool for empowering people in understanding their rights and entitlements and also a critical monitoring and evaluation tool for the administration. Not only does social audit provide a formal platform for articulation of the perceptions of wage seekers, it also in the minutest details brings out the strengths and weaknesses of the program. It also facilitates the coming together of the various stake holders on a single platform to discuss in detail the various features of the scheme and the implementation aspects.

3. Government is establishing an independent Social Audit Society for carrying out the Social Auditing of NREGS in the State. This Society is called "Society for Social Audit, Accountability and Transparency" (SSAAT) will be responsible for the training as well as facilitating Social Audits, ensuring methods of transparency and accountability within the Scheme.

4. Rule 10 of the Social Audit Rules specifies that "the costs of establishing and running a Social Audit Cell and conduct of Social Audits shall be met from the administrative costs allowed for NREGS". Accordingly, Government after careful consideration of the matter have decided to earmark, 0.5% of the total NREGA funds for conduct of social auditing of NREGS. Commissioner Rural Development shall release to the Society requisite funds from Social Audit Fund on quarterly basis, to ensure smooth conduct of social auditing of NREGS in all the villages at least once in 6 months. If direct funding is received for Social Audit, Commissioner, Rural Development, Hyderabad may release only to the extent of balance fund.

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(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR ANDHRA PRADESH)

K.RAJU,
Principal Secretary to Government (RD)

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The Director (EGS) O/o the Commissioner (RD), Hyderabad.
The Director, SPIU-RD, DWCRA Building, Lower Tank Bund Road, Hyderabad.
The District Programme Co-ordinators and District Collectors
The District Collectors & District Programme Coordinators
The Project Directors, DWMA's in all the Districts.
The Chief Executive Officer, SERP, AP., Hyderabad.

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